

REMARKS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 8 October 2004. Responsive to the rejections made in the Official Action, Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the combination of elements that form the invention of the subject Patent Application and Claims 3, 10 and 12 have been amended to correct the dependency thereof, Claim 9 has been amended to correct an informality and Claim 2 has been cancelled by this Amendment.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 8 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Sherrer et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,722,721. The Examiner rejected Claims 6, 9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Sherrer in view of Thompson, U.S. Patent No. 6,463,613. However, the Examiner kindly indicated that Claims 2-5, 10 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 2 therein. Therefore, Claim 2 has been effected rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim, Claim 1, and any intervening claims, which there were none. Therefore, Claim 1 should now be allowable. Additionally, the claims dependent on Claim 1 should also be allowable for at least the same reasons.

It is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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